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Request

I am looking for statistics on pension spending over the past two decades in Northern Ireland. If possible, I would also like to have information on all pensioner benefits (pensioner housing benefit, pension credit, etc.). Also, I would like to have information on any forecast that may be available.

If you do not have this information, I would appreciate if you could direct me to the appropriate department.

DoF response

I can confirm that the department holds some of the information you have requested.

Land & Property Services only holds the data requested in relation to Lone Pensioner Allowance. This information is not provided here under Section 21 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (information accessible to the applicant by other means). Section 21 is an absolute exemption, and the department is not required to consider whether the public interest favours disclosure of this information.
The information is available online on the Department's website at:

https://www.finance-ni.gov.uk/topics/statistics-and-research/lone-pensioner-allowance-lpa-and-disabled-persons-allowance-dpa-statistics

Housing Benefit is administered by the Northern Ireland Housing Executive. They can be contacted at foi@nihe.gov.uk .

The Department for Communities are responsible benefits, pensions and welfare support their website is- www.communities-ni.gov.uk

In an attempt to assist you further, please find the address for Department for Communities FOI team - foi@communities-ni.gov.uk who may be able to provide you with some further related information.